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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director/Special Activities

SUBJECT: Relationships Between Automation  
Division, OSA and Office of Computer  
Services

REFERENCES: a. DD/S&T 2404-64, Memo to D/Logistics  
b. DD/S&T 2181-64, Memo to D/Logistics

1. References pertain to requests from OSA to obtain a Univac 1004 Processor System for use [redacted] and a Univac 1004 Processor for use [redacted]. Both procurement actions are to be financed with Agency appropriated, as opposed to NRO appropriated, funds and, in both cases, OSA was asked to coordinate the actions and obtain the concurrence of the Office of Computer Services.

2. Approval has been given for the Univac to be utilized [redacted]. Approval is being withheld for the Univac requested for use [redacted] pending further discussions with Dr. Wheelon.

3. There are several matters involved in the handling of these two requisitions that disturb me. Accordingly, I would like to call them to your attention, let you review with your appropriate officers the facts as I understand them, and then you and I can discuss the matter.

4. The matters which I should like to call to your attention are as follows:

a. The routing sheets on both actions which were forwarded to this office bear the following unsigned statement:

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"This has been coordinated with Mr. Becker and his concurrence letter should arrive your office today."

Mr. Becker informs me that neither he or any member of his Office has ever concurred in the requested actions. He further informs, however, that the matter was discussed both with himself and his Deputy, [REDACTED]

b. The submission of the requisitions is not in accordance with the provisions of DD/S&T 0842-64, dated 9 March 1964, but were forwarded directly to the Office of the DD/S&T. There are good and sufficient reasons why the provisions established in DD/S&T 0842-64 were developed and adherence to them is essential if we are to conduct our affairs with any semblance of decent management practices.

c. It is my understanding that conversations took place between [REDACTED] and the contractor sometime in August 1964 on the availability of equipment. Whether or not any commitments, implied or inferred, were left with the contractor by [REDACTED] I am not aware.

5. All of the above reflects a situation which does not strike me as being in the best interests of this Directorate or the Agency. The problems involved are obviously different in nature. The major element that concerns me, however, is that which appears to be not a breakdown but a cessation of acceptable relationships between the Automation Division of OSA and the Office of Computer Services. Other evidences of this have been alluded to from time to time by OCS personnel. Perhaps the time is now to see what are the facts of the matter. The other matter of concern is an unequivocal statement concerning the granting of concurrence which, in fact, is disclaimed entirely by the individual alleged to have concurred.

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6. At your convenience, and after you have had an opportunity to develop the facts and arrive at your own conclusions, I think it would be worthwhile for both of us to have a discussion on the issue.

Signature

Executive Officer  
Directorate of  
Science and Technology

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